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SUBJECT: TURKISH OPIUM POPPY CONTROL PROGRAM

REF A) ANKARA 5237 JULY 2, 1974; B) ANKARA 5255 JULY 2, 1974;

C) ANKARA 7025

1. TURKISH PRESS QUOTES PRIMIN SULEYMAN DEMIREL AS HAVING SAID AT SEPTEMBER 27 ELECTION RALLY IN USAK: QUOTE WE SHALL CAUSE THE POPPY PLANTING AREA TO BE INCREASED. WE SHALL RAISE (IT) FROM TWO DECARES T FIVE. TOMORROW YOU WILL HEAR THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT. UNQUOTE. HOWEVER, TEXT OF AMMOUNCEMENT DOES NOT RPT NOT APPEAR TO INDICATE A CHANGE FROM LICENSING PRACTICES OF 1974-1975 POPPY CROP.

2. OUR TRANSLATION OF THE OFFICIAL TEXT OF THIS AMMOUNCEMENT AS READ OVER TURKISH STATE RADIO AT 1300 SEPT 29 IS AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE 1 - OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE

1975-1976 FARMING SEASON IN THE PROVINCES OF AFYON, BURDUR, DENIZLI, ISPARTA, UTAHYA, AND USAK PLUS THE DISTRICTS OF AKSEHIR, BEYSEHIR, DOGANHISAR, AND ILGIN OF KONYA PROVINCE WHERE OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION HAD BEEN PERMITTED UNDER DECREE NUMBER 7/8522 DATED JULY 1, 1974 (REF A).

ARTICLE 2 - CULTIVATION PERMITS FOR A MAXIMUM AREA OF FIVE DECARES WILL BE ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARITCL DUY OF THE SAID DECREE.

ARTICLE 3 - NO CULTIVATION PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT HEADS OF FAMILIES, OR TO MINORS OR TO THOSE WHO RECEIVED SENTENCES FOR VIOLATING PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 27 OF LAW NUMBER 3491 AND THE LAWS AMENDING THIS ARTICLE AND ARTICLES 403 AND 404 OF THE TURKISHVCRITKRL BODE, EVEN F THE SENTENCES HAVE FSEN REMOVED FROM OFFICIAL RECORDS AS THE RESULT OF AN AMNESTY.

ARTICLE 4 - APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE LOCAL OFFICE OF THE SOIL PRODUCTS OFFICE BY THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1975 IN ORDER T OBTAIN CULTIVATIO PERMITS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH E OF ARTICLE 18 OF LAW NUMBER 3491 AS AMENDED BY LAW NUMBER 1470.

ARITLCE 5 - ARTICLE 3 OF THE REGULATIONS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ADDENDUM ARTICLE 3 OF LAW NUMBER 1470 STIPULATES THAT APPLICATIONS MUST BE PREPARED FOR EACH FIELD. FOR THIS REATFD, THE APPLICATIONS WHICH ARE SUBMITTED MUST APPLY TO ONLY ONE FIELD.

ARTICLE 6 - SINCE THE TERMS "DECARE" AND DONUM" HAVE DIFFERENT MEANINGS IN DIFFERENT REGIONS, THE FIELD TO BE CULTIVATED WILL BE MEASURED IN SQUARE METERS IN ORDER TO PREVENT MISUNDERSTANDING.

ARTICLE 7 - A CERTAIN MARGIN FOR ERROR (IN MEASUREMENT) HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED DUE TO A LACK OF ADEQUATE (MEASUREMENT) FACILITIES, BUT OVERPLANTING BEYOND THIS MARGIN FOR ERROR WILL BE SUBJECT TO LEGAL ACTION.

ARTICLE8 - IF THE FIELD OF A FARMER WHO HAS RECEIVED PERMISSION FOR FALL PLANTING IS AFFECTED BY NATURAL DISASTER, THE FARMER MAY APPLY TO THE SOIL PRODUCTS OFFICE FOR PERMISSION TO REPLANT THE SAME FIELD IN THE SPRING.

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3. COMMENT: UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT THE POPPY GROWING REGION REMAINS THE SAME AS DURING THE 1974-1975 GROWING SEASON. AS LAST YEAR (REF B) THE MAXIMUM GROWING AREA PERMITTED PER FARMER IS FIVE DECARES. HOWEVER, LAST YEAR IN FACT FARMERS WERE ON AVERAGE PERMITTED TO GROW ONLY WO DECARES. PRIMIN DEMIREL'S STATEMENT THAT THE GROWING AREA WILL BE INCREASED FROM TWO TO FIVE DECARES WOULD ONLY BE TRUE IF THE TOTAL AREA OF CULTIVATI

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IN THE GROWING REGION WERE INCREASED OR IF THE TOTAL ACREAGE IS  
UNCHANGED WHILE THE NUMBER OF FARMERS PERMITTED TO GROW POPPIES  
WERE DECREASED. WE HAVE NO RPT NO EVIDENCE THAT EITHER OF THESE  
IS THE CASE. MISSION OFFICER IS TRAVELING TO AFYON SEPT 30 FOR  
INQUIRY AT REGIONAL OFFICE OF SOIL PRODUCTS OFFICE.  
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